

STARS OF CARDINALS HORNBY FINISHES HIGH

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Heydler's Figures Give Champion Average of .401, Best Since 1899.

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Gets Mark of .368, Along With Russell of Pirates; Pittsburgh Team Leader.

By DANIEL.

For the third successive year Rogers Hornsby, the great hitter of the St. Louis club, is the batting champion of the National League. That hardly is news. It was known when the league season closed. But it got new interest yesterday when it was made official by John A. Heydler, president of the league. The official averages show Hornsby at the top with .401—the highest mark made in the National League since Ed Delahanty batted for .408 in 1899.

Hornsby also is confirmed as the official home run champion for 1922 and the National League record holder in that delectable specialty. Rogers clouted out forty-four circuit drives—and he had to clout them pretty hard, for he is a right handed hitter and short right fields help him mighty little. Hornsby got still another record. In making 250 hits he bettered the mark which had stood since 1897, when Willie Keeler was credited with 242.

Behind Hornsby in the batting averages came Ed Russell, the big left handed hitter of the Pirates, with .361 and Casey Stengel of the Giants, with .358. Then comes Louis Fieser, the sweet slinging second sacker of the St. Louis Cardinals. He hit for .351. But the runner up was not Russell. Second honors really belong to Ray Grimes of the Cubs, who hit for .354.

Russell in Only Sixty Games.

Grimes worked in 138 games while Russell was in only 60, coming into the league rather late, from Minneapolis. Stengel hit in 84 games and Fieser in 81. The case in favor of the Cub first baseman is a strong one. But the honors which must be accorded to Russell, Stengel and Fieser—three stunning performers—are great and heavy. Russell got a dozen homers.

Clyde Barfoot, the St. Louis pitcher, managed to do pretty well in thirty-four times at bat in forty-two games and got himself an average of .353, which should result in his expulsion from the Pitchers' Union. Lawrence Hack Miller, the ponderous and prodigious left fielder of the Cubs—son of the renowned Sebastian, the Strong Man—did very well indeed in his first season in the league. He rang up a modest .3518. The official compiler carried quite a few arguments into four places.

The averages are full of surprises and disappointments. They bring youngsters to new heights and oldsters to uncustomed positions among the all stars. Eddie Roush, who joined the Reds late and got into only forty games, had to take a back seat with .3515. Carson Bigbee, the left handed left fielder of the Pirates, got an average of .350, which was fair enough, but Zack Wheat, the star of the Dodgers, could not rise above .338. The day was when Zack showed the way. Now it is time takes his toll and Zacharia trails.

Pirates Lead in Batting.

The team batting championship was won by the Pirates, but their margin over the world champion Giants was small. Pittsburgh hit for .308 and New York for .305. The St. Louis club also came above the select mark, with .301. The Brooklyn finished sixth in batting, with the Reds and Cubs above them, and the Phillies and Braves below them. The Giants set the season's record for hitting by getting twenty-eight drives in nine innings against the Pirates.

The Cards led in total bases, with 2,411; the Pirates led in making singles, the Cards in doubles, the Pirates in triples and the lowly Phillies in home runs. The Phillies got 116 circuit drives. The Cubs played the sacrifice game to the limit for 205 sacrifices and the Pirates led in stealing bases, with 145.

Max Carey won the base stealing championship with 51. Frankie Fister of the Giants was second with 31 and right behind him came old George Burns all spry and agile, with 30. The official hitting standing of the Giants and Dodgers, who did at least .250 is as follows:

GIANTS. DODGERS.

Stengel	.368	Whit	.335
Snyder	.345	Johnson	.319
Young	.340	Mayers	.317
Stengel	.330	Johnson	.317
Kelly	.327	De Berry	.301
Cunningham	.327	Janvry	.298
Frych	.326	Mitchell	.298
Hanraff	.321	High	.283
Hawkins	.292	Ward	.274
Smith	.277	Olsen	.270
Robertson	.276	Schmidt	.267
Groh	.268	Miller	.261
Nehf	.255		
Walters	.251		

All Star Team of Hitters.

A National League team composed of men who hit hardest in their various positions would be made up as follows:

Catcher—Barfoot, St. Louis	.353
First base—Phelps, Cincinnati	.350
Second base—Hornsby, St. Louis	.401
Third base—Phelps, Cincinnati	.350
Left field—Phelps, Cincinnati	.350
Right field—Stengel, New York	.358
Center field—Russell, Pittsburgh	.361

Rutgers Wins Telegraphic Rifle Match by a Point

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 2.—Constantly close marksmanship rarely equaled in an intercollegiate rifle match resulted when Rutgers shot against the University of Vermont. Under the terms of this telegraphic match the five highest scores were to count. Both teams totaled 472 out of 500. Then the scores of the sixth men were asked for and both had 92. Both seventh men likewise had 92 out of a possible 100, but when the totals of the eighth men were then exchanged it was found the Rutgers man shot a 92 and Vermont's entry a 91, giving Rutgers the match.

In three other matches the scores, of which were announced today, Rutgers defeated University of Tennessee 243 to 241, the University of Western Maryland 481 to 444, and lost to Bowdoin by the margin of two points, 469 to 471.

Shots against Western Maryland and Georgetown of Rutgers shot a perfect score of 100 on the standard N. R. A. target.

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